

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Final Official Action mailed **November 7, 2005**. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Claim Status:

By the forgoing amendment claims 1, 9, 27, 40, 44, 46, and 55 have been amended. Claims 3, 14, 15, 17-22, 31, 32, 34-39, 45, 53, 54, 65-70, and 73 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4-13, 16, 23-27, 30, 33, 40-44, 46-52, 55-64, 71, and 72 are currently pending for further action.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claim 10 stands allowed. The Office Action further stated that claims 3, 4, 5, 12, 45, 46, 50-52, 69 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Independent claims 1, 9, 27, 44, and 55 have been amended to substantially recite the allowable subject matter of claim 3, which is now cancelled. Thus, all of the pending claims include the allowable subject matter previously presented in Claim 3.

More specifically:

Claim 1 has been amended to recite “said resilient deflection member comprising a plurality of pressure tuned panels disposed at angles with respect to each other”.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite “said resilient deflection member comprising a plurality of pressure tuned panels disposed at angles with respect to each other”.

Claim 27 has been amended to recite “said resilient deflection member comprising a plurality of pressure tuned panels disposed at angles with respect to each other”.

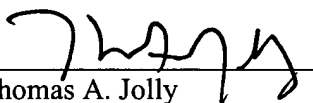
Claim 44 has been amended to recite “said resilient deflection member comprising a plurality of pressure tuned panels disposed at angles with respect to each other”.

Claim 55 has been amended to recite “said resilient deflection member comprising a plurality of pressure tuned panels disposed at angles with respect to each other”.

Following entry of these amendments, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of all of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and/or 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn. The present application is clearly in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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